



Two of the most popular musicians in Midway's earlier years were Henry Van Wagoner and his sister Emily Van Wagoner Murdock, shown here in a traditional pose.

infancy, and band music has continued as a popular entertainment feature since that time.

Members of the first martial band were Henry Van Wagoner, fife; David Provost Sr., snare drum; Luke Provost Sr., bass drum; William (Lime Kiln Bill) Van Wagoner, snare drum; Ambrose Potter, snare; Doc McCarrell, flagman. Later Mark Smith, Jesse McCarrell Sr., Jesse McCarrell Jr. and Joseph Jacobs were added as members.

Henry Van Wagoner, known also as an outstanding banjo player, directed the band, and continued his leadership for more than 50 years. A 1918 band notice lists Mr. Van Wagoner as director, with members including Amos Epperson, fife; Lawrence and Emery Epperson, Ellis Epperson and David E. Provost, drums and Charley Van Wagoner, flag bearer. David E. Provost recently revived the martial band for the Midway Harvest and Swiss Days celebrations.

The first brass band in Midway was organized by Andreas Burgener, an LDS Church convert from Faulensee, Switzerland. Mr. Burgener studied music in his native land and became a bugler in the Swiss Army and bandmaster of the Swiss Military Band. When he joined the Church and decided to come to America he was advised by Church missionaries to bring musical instruments with him, which he did. The three cornets, one bugle, two alto horns and one baritone which he brought

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MD: Emily Van Wagoner

was a butcher (SW corner Town square)

(Earl)

Aritha Lloyd was 4th child

(orchestra) the live-in nurse